

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
	:	Examiner: Mark T. Kopec
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For: TRANSPARENT OXIDE ELECTRODE	)	September 23, 2008
FILM AND MANUFACTURING	:	
METHOD THEREOF, TRANSPARENT	)	
ELECTROCONDUCTIVE BASE	:	
MATERIAL, SOLAR CELL AND PHOTO	)	
DETECTION ELEMENT	:	
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed forms PTO/SB/08A.

English abstracts are included for each of the Japanese references. In addition, a complete machine translated English document is submitted for JP-H08-043840.

### FORMAL MATTERS

This Information Disclosure Statement is in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(c). Additionally, this Information Disclosure Statement complies with and contains the statement as specified in paragraph (e) of this section.

37 CFR § 1.97(c) states the following: An information disclosure statement shall be considered by the Office if filed by the applicant after the period specified in paragraph (b) of this section, provided that the information disclosure statement is filed before the mailing date of either a final action under 1.113, or a notice of allowance under 1.311, whichever occurs first, and is accompanied by either:

- (1) A statement as specified in paragraph (e) of this section; or
- (2) The fee set forth in 1.17(p).

37 CFR § 1.97 (e)(1) states: that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

Applicants believe that no fee is required. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees deemed necessary and to make any refunds to Deposit Account 50-1290.

### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Forms PTO/SB/08A be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3500. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the address given below.

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